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1. National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs

Special, 2000

Introduction

The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs seeks to promote and protect the interests of women. Founded in 1935, it has global coverage with a particular focus on Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization aims to: promote and develop effective programs for women and children; support partnerships with public-private, civil society and government institutions; and encourage knowledge-sharing in health, education and economic development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

It contributes to the work of the United Nations by supporting the development agenda. Through global partnerships, this organization implements a multitude of projects to empower women, improve maternal health and support agricultural initiatives. It held consultations in Ghana and Liberia on acknowledging inequalities. In South Africa, it contributed to facilitating discussions on sex education, teen pregnancy and HIV/AIDs awareness.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, it actively participated in various high-level meetings of the United Nations including briefings organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI) and panel discussions on gender and equality hosted by United Nations Women (UN Women). In addition to various other meetings, it attended the 52nd Commission for Social Development in February 2014 as well as the High-level Thematic Debate of the General Assembly on Integrating Crime Prevention convened in February 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

This organization contributed to recommendations submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in the margins of the Durban Review Conference.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

This association facilitated the planting of 7,000 trees in the Ashanti Region of Ghana. It also pioneered a study on the effects of Moringa on pregnant women which appeared to be effective in improving the overall health of mothers and their infants.

2. National Coalition against Racial Discrimination

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 2003 in Nepal, the National Coalition against Racial Discrimination (NCARD) is an alliance of organizations advocating against discrimination.

Aims and purposes of the organization

NCARD aims to promote and protect the civil, political and cultural rights of excluded groups; enhance dialogue, negotiation and networking among marginalized groups; and raise awareness of its constituencies on proceedings of the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

NCARD has drafted its strategic plan for the 2015 to 2020 period.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

NCARD contributed to the advancement of the human rights agenda through advocacy and capacity-building in favour of indigenous peoples and women in wider consultation with stakeholders and member organizations. It submitted findings on discriminatory laws and practices through joint statements to various United Nations human rights mechanisms such as the Human Rights Council and advocated with the government of Nepal to amend discriminatory laws and take action on recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2014, it participated in the pre-session of the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council (HRC). It also submitted a joint statement along with other NGOs to the 27th session of the HRC. In 2015, it drafted a report covering the human rights situation of indigenous peoples in Nepal for the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of the HRC.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

To advance on the peace process, NCARD launched a project to enhance dialogue and inclusion of marginalized groups of Nepal in collaboration with the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF). It also supported the work of the special rapporteurs to urge government action on defending and protecting the rights of indigenous peoples.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

3. National Council of Women in Great Britain

Special, 2000

Introduction

National Council of Women in Great Britain (NCWGB) is a charity organization that collaborates with associated institutions to educate, engage and empower women in public affairs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

NCWGB aims to empower women and encourage gender equality through programmes, seminars and resolutions. Outcomes as a result of these fora are frequently shared with government institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, NCWGB disseminated proceedings of the Commission on the Status of Women and the development agenda to its constituencies through regular conferences. It also advocated with government institutions on the adoption of resolutions on women, children and gender equality, the elimination of sexual violence in conflict, and personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education to schools in London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Moreover, it conveyed findings of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) to 40 schools through leaflets, newsletters and seminars.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives regularly attended United Nations' forums including sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

This organization keenly follows activities of the United Nations Women (UN-Women) and disseminated information to 50 educational establishments and 30 associated organizations in collaboration with the International Council of Women and other NGOs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

It organized seminars, workshops and policy events reflecting on the importance of the maternal and infant health, housing, waste management and sustainable farming practices. It is also developing a young leader's programme for girls aged 18 and above encouraging them to pursue education in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. To increase the participation of

women. NCWGB introduced individual membership schemes and has expanded the use of social media tools as part of its outreach efforts.

4. Network of Non-Governmental Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Network of Non-Governmental Organisations of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women was established in 1984 and is a registered non-profit organization with the Ministry of Legal Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its mission is to provide effective representation, leadership and advocacy to enhance the quality of life and achieve gender parity for women and girls.

Significant changes in the organization

The Network has established the Trinidad and Tobago Institute for Women in Leadership (TTWIL) to empower women with entrepreneurial skills and contribute to shaping politics.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization has strongly advocated for increasing women's participation in politics at all levels and has provided capacity-building training and transformational leadership programmes targeting women. As a representative of the Gender Theme Group developed by the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) it commemorated key observations of the United Nations, including International Women's Day to highlight women's contribution to society through various activities including church services, conferences and rallies. It also encouraged activists, government representatives and citizens to partake in the UNiTE Campaign Orange Day Action Plan to collectively address violence against women and men on the 25th of each month.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It has actively participated in the 56th, 57th and 58th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and hosted a parallel event during the 59th session of the CSW addressing the role of women in local governments. It contributed to drafting the "Caribbean Joint Statement on Gender Equality and the Post 2015 and SIDS Agenda" in support of the United Nations Women (UN-Women) Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean, in collaboration with government and civil society representatives from the Caribbean countries.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

This organization collaborated with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to host a conference titled, "Women in Enterprise Conference." In line with UN Women's "Planet 50-50 by 2030" and "HeForShe" initiatives, it designed and executed a range of activities through public education and awareness to ignite momentum on fundamental issues concerning women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

It closely produced a report reviewing civil society's progress towards the implementation of the MDGs as a part of the United Nations Millennium Campaign (UNMC). It also launched a publication titled "Women in Local Government Elections in Trinidad and Tobago from 1946-2013."

5. NGO Coordination post Beijing Switzerland

Special, 2012

Introduction

NGO Coordination post Beijing Switzerland is a grouping of 26 organizations that, in the aftermath of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, held from 4 to 15 September 1995, have as their objective the monitoring and improvement of the exercise of women's rights in Switzerland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of the association is to coordinate and form a network of organizations, groups and interested persons seeking to put the Beijing Platform for Action into practice. It is active as a defender of interests and seeks to act as a centre of excellence in the sphere of women's human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The work of the association is concentrated on women's human rights, gender equality and empowerment of women and girls. Its contribution is made along three main lines of activity: participation in meetings, submission of written contributions and consultations with national delegations. It also contributes to the work of the United Nations by raising people's awareness of the work being pursued at multilateral level.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has taken an active part in numerous meetings of the United Nations, in particular those of the Human Rights Council, where it concentrates its participation mainly on the days devoted to women's human rights. It also

participated in the fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, to which it submitted written statements. At the time of the examination of the report of Switzerland to the universal periodic review, it contributed to the position taken by the NGO Platform Human Rights.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The association organized in Switzerland a conference on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals with a view to preparing its positions for the national consultations related to the negotiations on Agenda 2030.

6. NGO Health Committee

Special, 2004

Introduction

NGO Health Committee, Inc. is an international, non-profit and non-political consortium of professionals who volunteer their expertise in health, human rights and social justice.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It promotes global cooperation on health issues based on evidence and best practices in line with objectives of the United Nations and its member states. Furthermore, it aims to improve health and well-being through advocacy and awareness-raising on global health issues.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization has contributed to annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and provided inputs to CSW handbooks. It also contributed to national, regional and international health events by keeping its constituencies abreast of latest developments in the Latin American region. It also raised public awareness on the use of water filters and water safety to communities in Haiti.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

This organization attended annual meetings of the World Health Assembly, briefings organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI) as well as discussions in the lead up to the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The NGO Health Committee supports and advocates for the objectives of the World Health Organization (WHO) and presented on nursing and health care of elderly in Uruguay during an event sponsored by the WHO and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Representatives also collaborated with WHO representatives in Mexico to organize workshops for nurses on patient safety.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDGs, it donated resources to partner non-governmental organizations in Rwanda and Uganda including an ultrasound machine and school supplies.

7. Ngoma Club

Special, 2012

Introduction

Ngoma Club is a non-profit association based in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It was founded in 2007 in order to implement activities related to culture, education and science.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Ngoma Club has the objective of promoting a framework for member self-training; developing the internal qualities of its members so as to create a spirit of unity; fostering within each of its members a sense of personal freedom; and consolidating African values to bring about an authentic cultural identity.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supported the work of the United Nations through the submission of written statements to various meetings, notably to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1 to 4 July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland, and the fifty-second meeting of the Commission on Sustainable Development, held from 11 to 21 February 2014 in New York. It regularly monitors the work of the United Nations World Conference on Disaster Reduction and of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization cooperated with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), through its participation in the conference on efforts to protect civilians and counter armed groups.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In pursuit of these goals, the organization organized workshops and discussions on human rights and combating HIV/AIDS in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Also, the organization distributed strategic information on poverty and conducted advocacy with the Ministry for Primary Education for equal treatment for all and access to basic education.

8. Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development

Special, 1996

Introduction

Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development (NICCO) is an international non-governmental organization based in Kyoto, Japan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its goal is to contribute to world peace by alleviating poverty and providing basic human needs as well as mobilizing action to support environmental protection.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

NICCO has contributed to the work of the United Nations by implementing sustainable rural development initiatives, vocational trainings especially for women, education and healthcare programs and emergency humanitarian assistance.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2013 and 2015, it attended the Winterization Task Force for the Regional Refugee Response to Syria hosted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It also partook in the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Sub Working Group within the framework of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC). Additionally, it attended various sub working groups co-lead by World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other United Nations bodies.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Between February 2014 and March 2015, it collaborated with UNHCR and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) for Winterization Assistance through provision of non-food Items for Syrian refugees and vulnerable population in Jordan. In 2014, it collaborated with UNHCR on a project to voluntarily repatriate Afghan refugees and in 2015, and it implemented a project supporting the empowerment of refugee women incorporating a home-based enterprises approach in Iran.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

It supported the MDGs through the following initiatives:

Goal 1: Rural development in 95 villages of Malawi and Kenya; income generation support to 3,784 people in Afghanistan;

Goal 2: Construction of 17 schools to benefit 16,000 children and training to 188 teachers in Afghanistan;

Goal 3: Literacy courses to 2,200 women, embroidery and art courses to 100 women, and provision of English and computer courses to 581 women in Afghanistan;

Goal 4, 5 and 6: Construction of four community healthcare centres and provision of healthcare services to 5,800 patients in Malawi;

Goal 7: Construction of four boreholes, 33 wells and 422 sanitation facilities in Malawi, Kenya, and Myanmar;

Goal 8: Training in information and communication technologies (ICT) to 781 Afghan refugees in Iran and 420 youth in Jordan.

9. Norwegian Refugee Council

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) is an independent humanitarian organisation based in Norway that provides assistance, protection and long-term solutions to displaced and vulnerable persons worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through its programmes, it responds to displacement crises in 28 countries annually benefitting millions. It advocates for the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in order to influence decision-makers to improve conditions for these groups. NRC supports the United Nations by administering NORCAP, an emergency roster comprising of some 800 experts ready to be deployed to areas of humanitarian crises within 72 hours. NRC's Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) in Geneva, Switzerland, is a global leader in monitoring, reporting and advocating for issues addressing internal displacement.

Significant changes in the organization

In recent years, NRC has experienced a substantial growth in terms of global coverage, programme funding and donor expansion. This has allowed NRC to significantly scale up the volume of its operations. NRC also strengthened its governance structure and enhanced its monitoring and evaluation tools, financial control and anti-corruption measures to improve quality control.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

NRC engages in substantial policy dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), amongst others. NRC is an active participant in interagency fora such as the Inter-Agency Standing Committee's (IASC), Humanitarian Country Teams and Global Protection Clusters. NRC plays a key role within the NGO community advocating for climate change and displacement concerns and is actively working on preparedness, resilience and disaster risk reduction.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

NRC co-chairs the protection cluster in several countries and actively participates in protection, education, food security and shelter cluster meetings in emergency contexts. Along with regularly attending High Level meetings convened by the General Assembly, it demonstrates a leadership role in the Inter-Agency Network for Education in emergencies (INEE).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

NRC closely collaborated with several United Nations bodies to respond to emergency situations and humanitarian needs implementing joint programs with UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, OCHA and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) during the reporting period. Amongst other endeavours, NRC contributed to the IASC community as part of its Humanitarian Financing Task Team (HFTT) and actively engaged in the preparations of the World Humanitarian Summit.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

It contributed to the MDGs as follows: goal 1, through emergency food distribution, food security activities and cash interventions; goal 2, through provision of education in emergencies and promotion of resilience to children and youth, training of teachers and school rehabilitation; goal 3, through ensuring gender mainstreaming on core competency policies; and goal 7, through activities in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

10. Observatorio Mexicano de la Crisis

Special, 2012

Introduction

Observatorio Mexicano de la Crisis, Asociacion Civil (OMEC) is a think-tank dedicated to public participation and policy making.

Aims and purposes of the organization

OMEC contributes to informing its constituencies on latest developments on critical economic, political, social, environmental and institutional processes. To this extent, it collaborates with a wide range of partners in the academia, national and local governments, policy making entities and civil society organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

It contributed to the work of the United Nations as it relates to the conceptualization of country-specific initiatives under the post-2015 Development Agenda. Since October 2012, it organizes dialogue sessions in conjunction with Mexico's Environment Ministry in support of the Green Economy agenda led by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

This organization has participated in the following meetings:

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20 to 22 June 2012;

High-level Segment of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals", Geneva, Switzerland, 17 to 19 April 2013; and

65th United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) NGO conference held in New York on 27 August 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2014, it developed a national campaign along with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to sensitize civil society organizations on the process of obtaining consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

OMEC has actively engaged the public, in particular the youth, as well as mobilized government officials on the importance of MDGs and the post-2015

Development Agenda. In March 2013, representatives were invited by Mexico's Interior Ministry to provide a speech to federal officials addressing the MDGs. On 14 May 2015, it launched a campaign comprised of six regional conferences, two press conferences, multiple social media tools and awareness raising activities on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

11. ODHIKAR: Coalition for Human Rights

Special, 2012

Introduction

ODHIKAR — Coalition for Human Rights (Odhikar) is a human rights organization engaged in research, training, advocacy and lobbying.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It aims to address and improve the human rights situation of individuals at the grass-roots level up to the national and regional levels.

Significant changes in the organization

Odhikar has become a member of the Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances and the International Coalition Against Enforced Disappearances.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

It supported the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) by submitting inputs to the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances. In partnership with local human rights defenders, it issued statements, conducted round tables and organized rallies. It also regularly commemorated observance days including the International Women's Day, International Day in Support of Victims of torture, International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, International Day for the Elimination of Violence and Human Rights Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Odhikar has actively attended and provided statements to meetings of the United Nations in conjunction with other NGOs. It regularly attended sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) convened in Geneva, Switzerland. In 2012, Odhikar jointly submitted a report with the Asian Legal Resource Centre as part of the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review of the HRC. In April 2013, it attended the 16th Session of the Universal Periodic Review of the HRC and jointly submitted a statement together with the Asian Human Rights Commission. In December 2015, it submitted a joint report to the Human Rights Committee prior to the adoption of issues listed in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) on the review of Bangladesh.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Odhikar focused its activities on the promotion of civil and political rights and the prevention of human rights violations through social awareness campaigns.

12. Okedongmu Children in Korea

Special, 2008

Introduction

Okedongmu Children in Korea (OCK) is a non-governmental organization based in the Republic of Korea (South Korea) working in favour of the United Nations development agenda.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization aims to build a bridge of friendship and dialogue between children in South Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) to enhance their relations. It aims to promote peace education to children for them to contribute to reunification efforts. It also provides aid to children in North Korea to combat food shortages, malnutrition and diseases.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization has been instrumental in supporting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Rights of the Child through its Peace Leaders (PL) initiative targeting children aged 9 to 17. In 2013, PL held a commemorative event of the Korean Armistice Agreement calling for peace in the region. In 2014 and 2015, PL promoted reconciliation efforts amongst the Palestinian youth through video messages and leaflets embracing coexistence, delivered the East Asia Peace Project and participated in the "Peace Tour."

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

On 22 March 2012, OCK participated in a meeting discussing the provision of aid and prevention of children's iodine deficiency in North Korea which was hosted by the South Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs. During this meeting, it collaborated with the United Nations Resident Coordinator, representatives of the World Food Programme and the Department of Political Affairs' East Asia and Pacific Division.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of the MDGs, the organization reported the following activities per year:

- 2012: provided heating equipment and infant care products to a nursery in Kaesong Industrial Complex worth USD $39,000 benefiting 600 infants under 12 months of age; it also provided medical supplies worth USD $38,000 to Nampo Paediatric Hospital as well as food aid comprising 100 tons of flour tantamount to USD $43,000 to flood victims in Anju and Gaecheon,
- 2013: donated 120 tons of flour, 10 tons of sugar and 300 cans of milk powder worth USD $36,000 for children in Nampo and provided medicinal supplies and diagnostic reagents costing USD $99,000 to Pyongyang, North Korea;
- 2014: furnished sanitary and storage facilities worth USD $99,000 to a nursery in Kaesong Industrial Complex and implemented a training program for doctors at the Pyongyang Okedongmu Children's Hospital; and in
- 2015: granted medicinal supplies and 100 hospital bed sets worth USD $119,000 to Nampo Paediatric Hospital.

13. Okogun Odigie Safewomb International Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 2006, Okogun Odigie Safewomb International Foundation is a Nigeria-based non-governmental organization committed to gender equality and the empowerment of women, girls and youth for sustainable development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization aims for a sustainable world through the implementation of values in support of human and women's rights protection in collaboration with global change agents. It focuses on delivering education, advocacy, raising awareness, supporting skills acquisition and providing merit-based awards.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

It supports the work of the United Nations by advocating for development, human rights, gender equality and the advancement of women and girls. It also raises awareness on gender mainstreaming by providing speeches in schools, seminars and international fora. It fosters youth leadership, peace and international understanding through its 'Mister and Miss Values' programme in Ghana. It also contributes to poverty alleviation and skills acquisition by facilitating training in fabric weaving, capacity building, decision making, business ethics, finance

management and public speaking. This organization annually commemorates the International Women's Day and other key observances such as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, Universal Children's Day and the International Youth Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It attended and provided concrete inputs during the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 Development Agenda convened in New York from 25 to 27 September 2015. Moreover, it attended the 57th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women organized in New York from 4 to 15 March 2013 and from 9 to 20 March 2015, respectively.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

14. Organisation pour la communication en Afrique et de promotion de la coopération économique internationale

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Organisation pour la communication en Afrique et de promotion de la coopération économique internationale (OCAPROCE) was founded in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2003.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are as follows: protection of the rights of the child; promotion of women's economic, social and cultural rights; promotion of information and communications technology (ICT) for development; international economic cooperation; and resource mobilization.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization is associated with the African Network for an Equitable World (AFNEW), based in Switzerland.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 2009 the organization has organized an annual NGO forum on women's economic rights and discussions on the rights of the child. Within the context of the Human Rights Council, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), it organizes side events and round tables on promotion of and observance of the rights of women

and children, as well as making oral and written presentations. Between 2012 and 2015, OCAPROCE organized days of solidarity and ceremonies for presentations of gifts to the Central African refugee children based in Cameroon and to Yaoundé street children, attended by local authorities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, OCAPROCE participated in United Nations meetings by providing specific inputs on the rights of women and children. It submitted a written statement to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council held from 1 to 4 July 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. During the period in question, within its partnership with ITU, OCAPROCE made oral submissions to the sessions of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), held in Geneva, Switzerland.

In addition, it attended the international conference on financing for development held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 13 to 16 July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to the attainment of Millennium Development Goals 1, 4 and 5 through the following initiatives undertaken in Cameroon: supply of a container of educational materials, food, medicines and clothing; implementation of the pilot project on education, training and reintegration of marginalized children, and provision of a training course for women on agricultural topics.

15. Pacific Disability Forum

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 2004, the Pacific Disability Forum is a regional non-government organisation committed to advancing the rights of persons with disabilities in Pacific Island countries and territories.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It aims to improve conditions of persons with disabilities by strengthening the capacity of disabled people's organisations through advocacy and collaboration with partners.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In compliance with the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), the programmes of this organization aim to benefit persons with disabilities and represent their voices while advocating for their inclusion. It also supports the Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network (IPWDGN) to promote the rights of indigenous persons.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to attending the High-Level meetings of the General Assembly on disability and development, the Millennium Development Goals and post-2015 Development Agenda, it attended the following meetings:

- 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th sessions of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women;
- 12th, 13th and 14th sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; and
- Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction convened in Sendai, Japan from 14 to 18 March 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

PDF received funding as part of the United Nations Partnerships to Promote the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD). In order to ensure that programs benefit persons with disabilities, it collaborated closely with United Nations entities, governments and Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PDF made significant efforts with its member organisations towards ensuring the inclusion persons with disabilities in all policies, programs and legislations pertaining to the MDGs. It also supported the work of International Disability Alliance in advocating for disability inclusion in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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1. Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide

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Introduction

Chamber of Computer Logistics People Worldwide (CCLPW) is committed to advancing principled education policies and achieving sustainable development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It aims to promote the need of higher education for youth and build a world with access to higher education at affordable prices.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CCLPW has contributed to the work of the United Nations by attending various summits to galvanise support for its objectives. This includes addressing key conferences such as the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) Implementation Review Group.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

This organization regularly attended meetings held in preparation for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development which took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on 20 and 22 June 2012. Representatives attended the Asia-Pacific Business Forum convened on 15 and 16 October 2012 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. CCLPW also attended the 23rd regular session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) convened from 27 May to 14 June 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. It also provided inputs during the 69th session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) as well as follow-up regional implementation consultations. Furthermore, it contributed to the discussions in the margins of the World Summit on the Information Society.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

CCLPW promotes the work of the United Nations Global Compact in 13 countries and is an active member of United Nations Academic Impact. It is also an institutional member of the network of education quality monitoring for Asia Pacific hosted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Moreover, it collaborates regularly with the World Health Organization (WHO) and has registered on the United Nations Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform to regularly attend related events.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CCLPW launched an awareness campaign through its magazine titled "The Education Charter" which principally covers the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It also organized various seminars and meetings with other universities and institutions to propagate the MDGs and to promote the cause of environmental protection. In September 2013, it organized an education for peace rally to celebrate the International Day of Peace where thousands of youth voluntarily participated. In June 2014, it organized a program for underprivileged children to commemorate the World Day Against Child Labour.

2. Les enfants de Frankie

Special, 2008

Introduction

Les enfants de Frankie helps and supports sick children in Monaco and the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region of France.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association works to prevent disease and discrimination, in collaboration with communities, to ensure that the rights of the child are respected.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The association participates in the celebration of United Nations international days related to its aims. It has collaborated with the National Education Department of Monaco to organize workshops for International Children's Day. It has also provided social support by distributing educational materials and supplies and has organized a global campaign against poverty.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No information was provided.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

It works in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to help eradicate poverty. It also collaborates with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's initiatives are focused on education, poverty, health, inequality and sustainable development. Accordingly, the organization has financed

projects to prevent school dropout by addressing the problems of teachers at the local level and by providing material and financial solutions. It has distributed survival blankets in winter to those who need them. In order to promote maternal health, it has refurbished the art therapy premises of a facility for young mothers and their children under the age of 3 years. The association has introduced children to waste-sorting. It establishes and replants vegetable gardens and has offered workshops to raise young people's awareness of protection of the planet.

3. National Advocates for Pregnant Women

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in the United States in 2001, the National Advocates for Pregnant Women Inc (NAPW) is a legal advocacy organization that advances the health, rights and dignity of pregnant women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

NAPW works to advance women's equal enjoyment of human rights and to ensure that women's fundamental human rights are safeguarded during pregnancy. Through a combination of legal advocacy, public education and grassroots level engagement, NAPW advocates for its clients, engages new audiences and promotes gender equality.

Significant changes in the organization

Since its reconstitution in 2014, NAPW has become a member of the New York Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Committee on drugs.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

NAPW's mission and work ensures, inter alia, that laws for pregnant women are carried out in alignment with the United Nations' human rights treaties and conventions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, NAPW participated in the following meetings:

- 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) where it organized a parallel event titled "Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 5: Innovative and Collaborative Efforts for Girls and Women's Health." New York, 13 March 2014;
- 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) where it cosponsored a side event titled "Protecting Women and Families from the War on Drugs." New York, 18 March 2015;
- 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Doha, Qatar, 12 to 19 April 2015; and the

- Fifth informal Civil Society Hearing in preparation for the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Thematic Debate on Drugs, New York, 6 May 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

NAPW submitted a civil society report for the 2015 Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council. It also participated in civil society hearings with the Department of State in advance of the treaty reviews before the Committee Against Torture, the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

NAPW uses legal advocacy and public education to ensure that women are not criminally charged for terminating a pregnancy. This ensures that women are not subjected to discriminatory criminal laws and can access prenatal care and other health care without fear of repercussions.

4. Pan European Forest Certification Council

Special, 2004

Introduction

Pan European Forest Certification Council (PEFCC) is an international non-profit non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting sustainable forest management through independent third-party certification.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization works throughout the forest supply chain to promote sustainable management of forests and to ensure that wood and non-wood forest products are produced with respect to the highest ecological, social and ethical standards.

Significant changes in the organization

This organization enlarged its stakeholder constituency to include 12 new members. It also made minor changes to its statutes between 2012 and 2014.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PEFCC contributed to the efforts of the United Nations by ensuring environmental sustainability through increased areas of certified hectares. Initiatives led by this organization assisted countries develop national forest certification systems and improved markets for sustainably produced, forest-based products.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It participated in the following meetings:

- Second Stakeholder Meeting on the Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Geneva, Switzerland, 26 March 2012;

- UNECE-hosted 'Forests for Fashion — Fashion for Forests' to commemorate the International Day of Forests, Geneva, Switzerland, 21 March 2014;

- International Seminar on Sustainable Forest Management organized by the FAO/Mexican Government, Mexico City, Mexico, from 22 to 25 September 2014; and

- XIV World Forestry Congress Durban, South Africa, convened from 7 to 11 September 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization organized a meeting in the margins of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Brazil in 2012. It is also a member of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)/Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Timber Section Team of Specialists and jointly hosted an event on promoting decent work in forest certification during the World Forestry Congress in South Africa in 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization supported goal 7 of the MDGs by integrating principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes and thereby reversing the loss of environmental resources. With initiatives in developing countries in sub-Saharan African, Southeast Asia, Southeast Europe and South America, its efforts have contributed to the certification of over 270 million hectares of sustainably managed areas. This has enabled companies to deliver forest-based products to the growing market of "greener products".

5. Partnership for Indigenous Peoples Environment

Special, 2004

Introduction

Partnership for Indigenous Peoples Environment (PIPE) was founded in 1993 in Austria and has been headquartered in New York since 1997.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of this organization is to promote awareness of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as an international instrument for conflict resolution. PIPE conducts focused-based research and designs specific mechanisms to create frameworks for knowledge-sharing and promoting understanding of indigenous issues. It also promotes advocacy and protective action for environmental, political, socioeconomic and fundamental

human rights of indigenous peoples through workshops, seminars and media briefings.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PIPE co-sponsored several conferences and media briefings on indigenous issues including the conference on United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) organized in Phoenix, Arizona on 26 December 2012. Since March 2012, PIPE also helped set up focal groups' activities and working methods in Ogoni, Nigeria.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following meetings:

- 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;
- The World Conference on Indigenous Peoples convened in New York between 22 and 23 September 2014; and
- 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Paris, France from 30 November to 11 December 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

PIPE promoted advocacy for the due process observance established by the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) in the Ogoni region of Nigeria. It also conducted training for volunteers on compliance to due processes and developed local monitoring mechanisms for inhabitants to promote awareness and understanding of the work of UNEP and other United Nations bodies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PIPE implemented initiatives in poverty reduction and sustainable human development, promotion and respect for human rights, and local involvement in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). It continued to support activities aimed at addressing basic needs, aspirations and development strategies for indigenous people including the mainstreaming of their needs into the population development agenda.

6. Peace Education Foundation

Special, 1996

Introduction

Peace Education Foundation (PEF) is committed to educating children and adults in conflict-resolution and promoting peace-making in homes, schools, communities, the nation and the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PEF considers that peace education encourages the emotional, intellectual, ethical and social growth of children within a framework of traditional values comprising of honesty, justice and responsibility. To support this aim, PEF trains teachers, youth group leaders, community leaders and professionals working with children in conflict resolution, violence prevention and mediation. Its curricular materials are composed of concrete tools based on the essentials of conflict resolution including: community building, understanding conflict, understanding the role of perception in a conflict, problem solving and decision making, the role of emotions and anger in conflicts and effective communication.

Significant changes in the organization

PEF is in the process of digitizing its curriculum to increase its international distribution. It has also begun partnering with universities in various countries in order to expand its outreach.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

It participated in the work of the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in numerous countries, and primarily focused activities on the implementation of violence prevention and peace education programs in North America, Latin America and the Caribbean. PEF contributed to publicizing the "State of the World's Children" report drafted by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). It ensured alignment to the "Education for All" movement led by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It also commemorated the United Nations International Day of Peace and organized peace rallies and parades during the reporting period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PEF's activities contributed primarily to goal 2 of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) calling for the attainment of universal primary

education. Through its projects, it contributed to early childhood care and education, promoting learning and life skills and improving the quality of education.

7. Peace Parks Foundation

Special, 2008

Introduction

Peace Parks Foundation (PPF) was established in 1997 by its founding patrons, the late Mr. Nelson Mandela, the late Mr. Anton Rupert and the late His Royal Highness Prince Bernhard of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. PPF presently operates in ten countries including Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Republic of South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The overall objective of PPF is to facilitate and coordinate the establishment and development of the Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs) in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. TFCAs contribute to safeguarding the integrity of biological resources while contributing to the development of tourism and poverty alleviation. This organization also promotes cooperation between governments that collectively seek to realise a culture of peace, stability and economic integration between nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PPF contributes to the work of the United Nations by providing skills training and creating economic opportunities aimed at reducing poverty. It has invested in building human capacity and social cohesion through training, mentorship and placements. Covering an area of almost 900,000 square kilometres of conservation estate including 145,336 square kilometres of new estate, PPF has been instrumental in the validation of numerous international treaties and memoranda of understanding between countries. It has also established the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area and three new national parks to meet the broader objective of conserving biological diversity.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PPF has contributed to the attainment of the MDGs by underscoring nature conservation and the creation of economic opportunities to reduce poverty in the areas of its operations. It also promotes gender equality while empowering women and develops global partnerships for development.

8. People for Successful Corean Reunification

Special, 2012

Introduction

People for Successful Corean Reunification (PSCR) is a non-religious non-governmental organization founded in Seoul, Republic of Korea (South Korea) in 2006.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to advocate for the rights of the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and to provide a platform to discuss democracy and human rights. It advocates for an end to human rights abuses in DPRK and ultimately to reunify the Korean peninsula.

Significant changes in the organization

PSCR recently set up an office in the United Kingdom of North Great Britain and Northern Ireland and established an education programme for refugees from DPRK.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

This organization launched a series of mentoring programmes including the "Human Rights and Democracy research" designed to garner support for the successful reunification of DPRK and South Korea. It regularly publishes reports on human rights violations in DPRK based on testimonies from defectors living in South Korea.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended various United Nations' meetings, contributed through oral and written remarks and convened side events during the margins of the Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions organized in Geneva, Switzerland. This includes hosting side events during the 19th regular session of the HRC convened from 10 to 28 September 2012; providing oral remarks during the 22nd regular session of the HRC convened from 25 February to 22 March 2013; providing oral remarks during the 25th regular session of the HRC which took place from 3 to 28 March 2014; and contributed through written and oral statements to the 28th regular session of the HRC held from 2 to 27 March 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

This organization participated in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) organized by the Human Rights Council in 2014. It has also cooperated with the Special Rapporteur and the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights since 2013. It further contributed a report of the United Nations Women (UN Women) on human rights violations against women in detention facilities in DPRK.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

This organization's activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

9. People to People

Special, 2008

Introduction

People to People is a non-governmental, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care and reducing the spread of diseases in Africa, particularly among vulnerable and disadvantaged communities in Ethiopia. It was founded in 1999 in Kentucky, United States of America and has offices in Canada, Finland, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

People to People aims at addressing social and health quality issues in Ethiopia by emerging as a bridge between affluent members of the Ethiopian diaspora committed to give back to their homeland. This organization is guided by a vision of Ethiopia equipped with an effective and sufficient health care system. It also partners with a number of western universities and institutions to organize annual summits that aim at building capacity and improving the quality of medical education and services.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

People to People has created a worldwide online discussion forum on health matters that enabled numerous professionals to exchange viewpoints. This forum also served as a useful communication tool for interaction amongst the diaspora. Moreover, it established a comprehensive boarding care centre to cater to 46 orphan girls infected with HIV/AIDS in good academic standing based in the rural town of Amanuel, Ethiopia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives participated in the third International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD), convened in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia between 13 and 16 July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to MDGs through the following activities:

- Provided counselling to 17,808 youth in HIV/AIDS, reproductive health/family planning, education, finances, psychosocial support and birth control methods;
- Disseminated 27,023 leaflets and newsletters on reproductive health/family planning and HIV/AIDS;
- Conducted door-to-door health education benefitting over 5,020 individuals (1,560 females and 3,460 males); and
- Facilitated comprehensive care and support services to over 1,113 individuals.

10. People with Disabilities Uganda

Special, 2004

Introduction

People with Disabilities Uganda (PWDU) is a national, non-profit organization based in Kampala, Uganda which promotes peace and the rights of disabled individuals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to promote peace and accessible living for all individuals, and its vision is to foster awareness and provide services that help improve the status of people living with disabilities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PWDU collaborates frequently with United Nations agencies and promotes activities aimed at securing equal opportunities for persons with disabilities. PWDU has continued to develop strategies to attend to the special needs of disadvantaged groups. Actions in favour of blind children, women, elderly and disabled continue to constitute key priorities of PWDU for the reporting period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth sessions of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities convened between 2012 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

To contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), PWDU set up an advocacy programme to lobby with the Ugandan government to commit to inclusive development for persons with disabilities by providing good opportunities and removing barriers. It also annually commemorated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December of each year.

11. Pesticide Action Nexus Association

Special, 2012

Introduction

Pesticide Action Nexus Association (PANA) is an Ethiopian residents' non-governmental organization committed to environment and development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to achieve a safe and sustainable environment protected from harm posed by hazardous chemicals. It aims to, inter alia, promote shared responsibility and cooperation in environmental management among national, regional and international organizations; provide capacity building at different levels regarding the handling, usage and disposal of pesticides and other hazardous chemicals; and conduct research on public health and environmental impacts of pesticides and other hazardous chemicals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 2012, PANA has undertaken specific activities to ensure sound environmental management as it relates to electrical and electronic waste management in Ethiopia. It has also advocated for the elimination of lead from decorative paints used in Ethiopian households. Moreover, it contributes to reducing pesticide dependency amongst cotton-grazing farmers by introducing agro-ecological solutions. It has also taken concrete measures to mitigate the impacts of pesticides on biodiversity in the Ethiopian Rift Valley and support climate resilient green zones alongside Akaki River in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following meetings:

- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 20 to 22 June 2012;
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) hosted Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Minamata Convention on Mercury and its preparatory meetings in Kumamoto, Japan, from 4 to 11 October 2013;
- Third International conference on Financing for Development, from 13 to 16 July 2015, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and
- Fourth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management held in Geneva, Switzerland from 28 September to 2 October, 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

PANA cooperated with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations University, government entities and the Oeko-Institute of Germany on a study on "Electrical and electronic waste (E-waste)". It also took part in the "Lead Paint Africa Project" in collaboration with the Global Environmental Facility and the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization implemented grassroots level activities and advocated on an international level for policy dialogue through forums in support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), in particular goal 7. In December 2015, together with the International Positive Education Network (IPEN) and UNEP, it organized a workshop on the elimination of lead at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) which led over 15 government representatives across Africa to agree on a reducing the quantities of lead in domestic paints as part of their national regulations.

12. Plataforma Portuguesa para os Direitos das Mulheres

Special, 2012

Introduction

Plataforma Portuguesa para os Direitos das Mulheres — Associação is a social, cultural and humanist non-governmental organisation established in 2004.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its main objective is to foster cooperation for collective reflection and action for the promotion of women's rights and gender equality through research, lobbying, dissemination of information, awareness-raising and training.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has expanded its partnerships by obtaining membership in institutions such as the National Commission of Human Rights, the European Union Civil Society Platform against trafficking in human beings and the Euro-Mediterranean Women's Foundation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization was actively involved in the work of the United Nations. In 2013, it engaged in an initiative promoted by the United Nations Regional Information Centre for Western Europe (UNRIC) towards the creation of the Network of Civil Society Platforms. In 2014, it convened a public event focusing on the challenges posed on the future of the post-2015 Development Agenda. In 2014, jointly with the European Women's Lobby, it organized an event to mark 20 years of the Beijing Platform for Action. In 2015, it published a report in the Portuguese language on the activities in the lead up to the 20 year ceremony of the Beijing Platform for Action. It also produced a shadow report on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) convened in New York from 9 to 20 March 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2012, it co-organized a debate forum with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Portuguese Commission for Equality in Labour and Employment. In 2014, it joined UNRIC and civil society platforms on the raising awareness of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to raising awareness of government institutions regarding the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by launching public statements on women's human rights and hosting workshops to discuss indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

13. Plateforme pour le développement durable des caraïbes

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Plateforme pour le développement durable des Caraïbes focuses on humanitarian action and development assistance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its aim is to organize conferences on a regular basis to promote and encourage the sharing of experience and information and to prevent discrimination. Its activities are designed to improve the social environment by encouraging the active participation of all civil society groups in the global effort for post-2015 sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

It has established partnerships with organizations in North America, Africa and Asia.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations by celebrating every year the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the International Day of Older Persons, the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction, the International Day of la Francophonie and the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012 and in the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly. It has also participated in meetings and in the drafting process for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in the context of convening the millennium events held in Canada in 2012, in New York in 2014 and in Haiti in 2015. The topics related to achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization guided a group of 400 young people in drafting the Declaration of Ottawa (Canada) on the subject of sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals, a vision of the future for young people.

14. Population Connection

Special, 2012

Introduction

Population Connection (PC) is a grassroots population organization that promotes global population stabilization and universal access to high quality reproductive health services.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PC advocates for improved policies, increased allocations by the United States to global reproductive health services and rights initiatives, and increased funding to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The organization also educates the public on issues through its online magazine, website and lecture series. It produces curriculum materials for primary and secondary schoolteachers, and through the annual "Capitol Hill Days" training, it trains activists from around the country in advocacy and lobbying techniques.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The principal contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations has been its history as a champion for the mission and work of UNFPA. PC has extensively advocated amongst its constituencies for the continued and increased funding for UNFPA.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to participating in numerous civil society events, the organization attended the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit convened on 25 September 2015 in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

PC regularly collaborates with other civil society advocacy and service delivery organizations to assist UNFPA to mobilize resources for reproductive health commodities.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All of the organization's activities have been directly or indirectly in support of goals 3 and 5 of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Through its programmes, PC has focused on: resource mobilization for global reproductive health and rights; improved policies on human rights and empowerment of women; removal of policy impediments to universal access to reproductive health services; and provision of information to the public.

15. Population Council

Special, 1972

Introduction

Population Council is an international non-profit and non-governmental organization that seeks to improve the well-being and reproductive health of current and future generations and to help achieve a humane, equitable and sustainable balance between people and resources.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization confronts critical health and development issues, from stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS to improving reproductive health and ensuring that young people lead productive lives. Through biomedical, social science and public health research in 50 countries, the Council delivers solutions that lead to more effective policies, programmes and technologies that improve lives around the world.

Significant changes in the organization

The Council nominated a new president in March 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is leading the United Nations Children Fund's "Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey in India" which aims to provide a robust national estimate of malnutrition in the 0-19 year population in the country, and reorient policy and use data as a baseline to evaluate progress of recently launched initiatives. Under the United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA) "Survey of Young People in Egypt and C-section Analysis" the Council re-interviewed youth in Egypt to generate a dataset spanning prior to and after the revolution of January 2009. In 2013, under the "National Advocacy and Media Campaign on Population Related Issues and the Need for Family Planning and Birth Spacing Services" programme in Pakistan, the Council teamed with UNFPA and Contech to reach political parties prior to the election in order to make an effort to bring positive change in their understanding. With support from the United Nations Foundation, the Council led the Biruh Tesfa project in Ethiopia supporting vulnerable slum-dwelling girls by reducing social isolation and providing them with health information.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Population Council has actively attended meetings of the United Nations to discuss ways to integrate population issues into sustainable development. The meetings include, among other, the "Expert Group Meeting on Fertility, Changing Population Trends and Development: Challenges and Opportunities for the Future" convened on 21 and 22 October 2013 in New York, and the 49th session of the Commission on Population and Development which took place from 11 to 15 April 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In 2013, jointly with UNFPA, it organized a workshop to lay the foundation for UNFPA's "Action for Adolescent Girls" initiative. In 2015, the Council provided technical assistance to the "National Adolescent Fertility Study" in Zimbabwe, commissioned by UNFPA and the Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council to better understand the determinants and consequences of high adolescent fertility. In 2014, the Council supported UNFPA's "School-Based Quantitative Survey of Youth" in Kenya to increase the use of gender-responsive, integrated health services and the availability of sexual and reproductive health education.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All activities of this organization have contributed to the overall achievement of the MDGs.

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1. International Risk Governance Council

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Introduction

International Risk Governance Council (IRGC) is a science-based think tank formed to improve risk governance, primarily as expressed and implemented in public policy.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IRGC aims to improve understanding and management of risks and opportunities by providing insight into systemic risks that impact human health and safety, the environment, the economy and society at large.

Significant changes in the organization

In November 2015, IRGC began a collaboration agreement with Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology), to benefit from the Institute's technologies for development programmes which contribute to alleviating problems of poverty, inequality, poor access to water, food, energy or sanitation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IRGC provided recommendations on risk governance policy for key decision makers to address, among other areas: emerging risks, risks from unsustainable energy production and consumption, risks and opportunities related to the development of precision medicine, cyber security risks that threaten critical infrastructure and shale gas. IRGC championed emerging issues and was identified as a bridge between science and policy in today's challenging governance environment.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IRGC representatives participated in meetings of the Office of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) and of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IRGC collaborated with the United Nations Office for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) for cross-learning and exchange of good practices and was involved in work of the UNECE for implementing and developing further the UNECE recommendations for Risk Management in Regulatory Framework as a sound basis for elaborating and improving the governance of risks, globally and in key countries in particular. IRGC participated in the activities of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

IRGC contributed insights on risk matters and recommendations for the development of indicators.

2. Pos Keadilan Peduli Ummat

Special, 2008

Introduction

Pos Keadilan Peduli Ummat (PKPU) is a humanitarian foundation established in 1999 in Indonesia as a community management agency for humanitarian assistance and other social assistance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PKPU aims to develop rehabilitation and empowerment programmes to create independence and self-sufficiency for its beneficiaries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PKPU's social services, education, child protection, microfinance, economic empowerment and "Budarzi" nutrition programmes provided for the needs of the underprivileged, needy and poor throughout Indonesia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives participated in regular coordination meetings on humanitarian issues at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Jakarta; in a side event of the Disaster Risk Management Division at the 5th Asian Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) in Yogyakarta; and delivered written and oral statements at the 52nd session of the Commission for Social Development.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

PKPU provided financial assistance for education programs to Palestine refugees in Gaza through the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) and sponsored seminars and talk shows in support of OCHA's 2013-2014 campaign for World Humanitarian Day.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

PKPU's Prosmiling (Mobile Health Service) Programme assisted local communities to obtain free primary health care and health counselling, and assisted the government to communicate the urgency of health and nutrition, to control

morbidity rates and to map health status in target regions. The Tuberculosis Care Programme was developed to prevent new cases and recurrences through the improvement of nutrition, sanitation and hygiene in the program target areas; and increase independent local capacity and economic sustainability to mitigate the disease. The Green Community and Waste Bank Programme provided toilets to improve sanitation levels, enhance knowledge of clean and healthy lifestyles, and enhance awareness to stop open defecation and provide clean water.

3. Pragya

Special, 2012

Introduction

Pragya works for the appropriate development of vulnerable communities and sensitive ecosystems of the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Pragya aim to shape and enable holistic, sustainable development with a focus on remote, difficult communities that lie in the shadow of research and development attention.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Pragya conducted studies and prepared reports and policy briefs on: nutrition insecurity for women in marginal agro-ecosystems; rights of migrant workers; renewable energy demand assessment; renewable energy technology; mainstreaming youth in local governance; education information systems for planning and improvement; and citizen-based disaster management; and participated in framing Sustainable Development Goals on education, energy, environment and water through, "The World We Want" Post 2015 online consultation. Pragya executives participated as speakers exhibitors in the Philanthropreneurship Forum (Versailles, 2015) and the Digital Innovation for Child Literacy Summit & Showcase (Melbourne, 2015).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Pragya submitted written statements to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, the United Nations Economic and Social Council High Level Segment, the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the World Humanitarian Summit 2015 Global Consultation. Pragya participated in a Nagaland State, India and United Nations Development Programme consultative workshop on Sustainable Livelihoods and Ecosystem Resilience in Mountain Landscapes (December 2014); a United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and European Commission event entitled, Inspiring Change (March 2014); the World Humanitarian Summit Global Consultation and Innovation Marketplace (October 2015); the United Nations Trust Fund to End

Violence against Women Capacity Development Workshop (November 2015) and the Second United Nations Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters (November 2015).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Pragya implemented a project on Active Democracy and Political Participation of Tribal Communities supported by the United Nations Democracy Fund; worked on a Comprehensive Primary Prevention Programme addressing Violence against Ethnic Minority Women in India supported by United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women; coordinated data sharing and emergency control room management along with the United Nations Disaster Management Team during the 2013 flood disaster in Uttarakhand, India; and organized a side-event on mountain biodiversity jointly with the United Nations Development Programme during the 2014 Centre for Media Studies Vatavaran International Environment and Wildlife Film Festival and Forum. Pragya regularly contributed to discussions with the United Nations Country Team in India as part of the Disaster Management and the Gender Communities of Practice thematic groups. Its Citizen-based Disaster Risk Reduction model was recognised with the 2015 Top20 innovation in Risk Award, an initiative of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), the MunichRE Foundation and the Global Risk Forum Davos.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Pragya promoted nutrition and food security for and strengthened cultural actors among Himalayan minorities; delivered primary education to children of migrant construction workers in India, children in remote settlements in high mountains of Nepal and in pastoral communities in arid regions of Kenya; developed participatory grass-roots education monitoring tools for improving learning levels of children in marginalised schools; built grass-roots capacity for participation in democracy; developed community-based social-watch systems, kiosks, helplines and cadres of women counsellors for improving access to rights and enablers and evidence-based advocacy for women's empowerment; piloted grass-roots health-service structures involving peer support and community-based disease and nutrition surveillance systems, hygiene awareness, medical knowledge packages for reducing child mortality and improving maternal health; facilitated climate-adapted sustainable livelihoods and protection of degraded habitats and sensitive ecosystems and conservation of rare and endangered medicinal plants species in high altitude Himalayas in South Asia and rainforests and arid-lands in East Africa; improved water harvesting, protection and rejuvenation of natural water sources, and revegetation of pasturelands

4. Project One

Special, 2004

Introduction

Project One, Inc. is an international organization which seeks to promote and protect the human rights of all persons.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Project One, Inc. aims to improve the quality of life for children, eliminate hunger, raise awareness and promote tolerance in an effort to reduce human rights violations.

Significant changes in the organization

The have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Project One, Inc. established and maintained feeding and clothing services for children. The organization also sponsored and observed the following annual international days: International Youth Day, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, International Women's Day, World Humanitarian Day, International Literacy Day, International Day of Older Persons, International Day of Eradication of Poverty, and United Nations Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Project One attended the following meetings: the 3rd Intersessional Meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development; the Eleventh Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; the 51st and 53rd sessions of the Commission for Social Development; Major Groups and other Stakeholders Briefing (20 September 2013); the 2014 Regular Session, Committee on NGOs; and the 14th Session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Project One, Inc. regularly meets with various Ambassadors and leading representatives of the United Nations entities.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Project One, Inc. has developed a four-fold solution to promote the Millennium Goals and to provide: shelter; food; clothing; and education for all. Project One, Inc. has developed plans to provide medical assistance for children and has led many medical missions throughout the world.

5. Public Union of the Citizens "International Centre of Education of Georgian and German Women"

Special, 2012

Introduction

Public Union of the Citizens "International Centre of Education of Georgian and German Women" (IACEW) implements civic education programmes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main objective of the organization is to monitor implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and other international obligations of States concerning women's human rights in the South Caucasus.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IACEW promoted the sociopolitical education of women, including an increase in their political participation. It has focused on overcoming gender stereotypes; increasing responsibility and accountability of government and other sectors of society; and promoting social justice, careful management of natural resources and peaceful resolution of conflicts. The organization has worked to integrate a gender approach to democracy building efforts in Georgia, as well as to build and mainstream resources of different groups (primarily women) in reform processes taking place in Georgia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representative attended the 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and held a side event at the 59th session entitled, "Women's Forum Georgia — Leading Power for Engendering Transformation of Society".

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The United Nations Development Programme financed the organization's "Facilitate" project, which strengthened coordination between civil society organizations working on women's issues and gender equality.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

6. Quaker Earthcare Witness

Special, 2012

Introduction

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) is a network of Friends (Quakers) in North America and other like-minded people who are taking spirit-led action to address the ecological and social crises of the world from a spiritual perspective, emphasizing Quaker process and testimonies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

QEW's primary calling is to facilitate transformation of humans' attitudes, values, identity, and worldview that underlie much of the environmental destruction going on in the world today.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

QEW regularly reported on United Nations meetings and actions to its network, in its newsletter and on its website.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

QEW attended informal and regular sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development; meetings of the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals; Dialogue with Major Groups and other Stakeholders on 22 September 2013; and General Assembly meetings on the Post 2015 process, including the follow-up and review and the intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document. It also attended the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and co-sponsored side events.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

QEW supported projects to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, promote gender equality, empower women and ensure environmental sustainability. These included a permaculture garden and orchard, soil restoration, organic gardening, solar heating, tree planting, climate adaptation, composting, water capture filtration, ongoing community education, development of eco-vision, sponsoring a student eco-leadership project in Mexico, native plants' use workshop, a flora/fauna survey and translation of a pamphlet on population into Spanish.

7. Rainforest Partnership

Special, 2012

Introduction

Rainforest Partnership (RP) protects tropical rainforests by helping rainforest communities establish sustainable livelihoods that secure their future without damaging the forest.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to create partnerships with local communities, businesses, government, and non-profit agencies to create sustainable economic development alternatives to deforestation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Rainforest Partnership improved the local economy by helping communities establish and manage economically flourishing and ecologically sustainable businesses; helped community members become key players in the protection and monitoring of the forests where they live; and achieved additional benefits, such as conserving biodiversity and mitigating climate change.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Rainforest Partnership participated at the 20th and 21st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 20 and 21) and the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). Rainforest Partnership also attended the 4th World Congress on Biosphere Reserves; the 5th annual Sustainable Innovation Forum; the awards ceremonies for the 2014 and 2015 United Nations Development Programme Equator Prizes; and the event entitled, "Moving to Implementation": Findings from the United Nations Development Group Dialogues on Post-2015 Implementation.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Rainforest Partnership has applied to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for biosphere reserve status for 51,606.1 hectares of the Colibri Cloudforest in central Peru.

Rainforest Partnership collaborated with the United Nations Foundation at the South By Southwest (SXSWEco) 2015, annual conference.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During UNFCCC COP 21, Rainforest Partnership installed geotagged rainforest sounds, retrievable through a free mobile application, at the Eiffel Tower, the Jardin des Tuileries and Petit Palais, the Louvre, and other strategic locations throughout Paris. Rainforest Partnership developed ecotourism business and designed and built ecotourism infrastructure in the Colibri cloudforest community of central Peru; established new methods for sustainably harvesting Piassaba palm fibres (used in making brooms) in the Chipaota community in northwestern Peru; created a traditional artisan products business in Sani Isla, Ecuador, which provided the Sani Isla women with an income for the first time.

8. Relief International

Special, 2004

Introduction

Founded in 1990, Relief International (RI) is an international humanitarian relief, rehabilitation, and development network dedicated to addressing the long-term needs of beneficiaries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

RI's purpose is to save lives and sustain livelihoods. RI aims to build poor people's resilience to the effects of disasters and stresses and to support their achievement of long-term well-being and dignity.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

RI's multisector activities have assisted vulnerable communities by providing expert emergency relief and development interventions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

RI's programming with United Nations entities such as the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and others, focused on health, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), education, and child protection in conflict-affected countries.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

RI has built referral networks and supported its partner communities to maximize resources. Through its programming RI has worked with local communities and governments to build capacity, support local ownership of activities and ensure long-term sustainability.

9. Research Centre for Feminist Action

Special, 2000

Introduction

Founded in 1980, the Research Center for Feminist Action (CIPAF) defends women and girl's rights in the Dominican Republic, Central America and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CIPAF's mission has been to support the development of the women's movement.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CIPAF promoted the right of women to achieve full equality and social justice. It has contributed to institutionalizing and strengthening Dominican democracy by endorsing women's rights through research, training, advocacy, lobbying, social marketing and ensuring that equity and gender equality is part of the National Agenda.

CIPAF has worked in six main areas: gender and public policies, including gender and state reform, Sustainable Development Goals, globalization and United Nations reform; information and communication technology — inclusion of women in information technology and changing the policies of the country in ICTs; education and training, including non-sexist education, education for peace and women rights, women and economic changes, training on labour rights); political participation and local government, including women's work in political parties and as government representatives); information and communication through social marketing, campaigning, publishing research material; and lobbying and advocacy. CIPAF has also worked on monitoring the implementation of the MDGs and the Post-2015 agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CIPAF attended the following meetings, among others: the 56th-59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women; the 55th Session of the Committee for the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women and presented an informal report on the situation of women in the Dominican Republic; the 2014 Latin America and Caribbean Special Session on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action hosted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women); the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015; the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10), the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel of eminent persons on the

Post-2015 Development Agenda; and the Regional Consultation for the Post-2015 Agenda in Mexico City, Mexico in October 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

"Mobilization, Lobbying and Advocacy of Latin American and Caribbean Women in the UNECLAC XII Regional Conference on Women with UN-Women; "Promoting the demands of Dominican Women in the Digital Agenda 2016-2020, WSIS+10 and Post-2015 Agenda" and "Stop Violence: The Contribution of ICT to the fight to eradicate violence against women in Dominican Republic" with the National Dominican Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CIPAF implemented the project "Genderizing e-Dominicana with UN-Women", with the objective of including a gender perspective in the National Strategy for the Information Society of the Dominican Republic (e-Dominicana). CIPAF also started Science, Technology, Engineering and Match (STEM) clubs for girls in public schools. The project won the Gender Equality and Mainstreaming GEM-TECH Award from UN-Women and the International Telecommunication Union. The organization has influenced the legislative agenda for the decriminalization of abortion and laws on violence against women and sexual and reproductive rights. CIPAF also implemented a project for consultations at the national and regional levels for civil society on the Post-2015 development framework with the Beyond 2015 campaign.

10. Restless Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

Restless Development is a youth-led international development agency, putting young people at the forefront of change and development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Restless Development's mission is to place young people at the forefront of change and development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Restless Development programmes, which reached over 7 million young people, focused on healthy and safe sexual lives, decent livelihoods, and young people being involved in the decisions that affect their lives. Over the past four years Restless Development contributed to the design of the new SDGs; became an

Organizing Partner of the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (UNMGCY) and supported the group's engagement in the disaster risk reduction and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) processes. Restless Development has worked to encourage the group to become more inclusive, transparent and accountable to the children and youth constituency. Restless Development observed World AIDS Day each year with the Youth Stop Aids coalition.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, Restless Development has participated in events hosted by the President of the General Assembly, the annual General Assembly sessions, the ECOSOC Youth Forums and the Open Working Group on SDGs meetings. The organization supported youth participation at the 2012 meeting of the High Level Panel of eminent persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. It also supported youth speakers during the Open Working Group process, at the High-level event of the General Assembly on the Contributions of Women, the Young and Civil Society to the Post-2015 Development Agenda, the intergovernmental negotiations on the SDGs, the Third International Conference on Financing for Development; and supported youth delegates to the regular sessions of the General Assembly. Restless Development participated at the Crowdsourcing platform with the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, the 2014 ECOSOC Youth Forum and the 2015 session of the United Nations Statistical Commission.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Restless Development held a joint side event with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) at the General Assembly in 2015 and cooperated with UNDP alongside MGCY for the 2014 ECOSOC Youth Forum. The organization has worked closely with the United Nations Population Fund, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS and the Envoy on Youth to support the broader youth agenda within the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Restless Development programmes in Africa, India and Nepal focused on fighting HIV/AIDS and promoting gender equality.

11. Right to Play

Special, 2004

Introduction

Right To Play is a global organization that uses the transformative power of play to educate and empower children facing adversity in 18 countries, reaching over 1 million children weekly.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Right To Play works to enhance quality education, build peaceful communities, promote healthy practices, and strengthen children's meaningful participation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Right To Play celebrated Universal Children's Day and World Refugee Day by hosting community awareness and mobilization events. It participated in roundtables and events with the Canadian government to promote child rights in development, including a collaborative celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the 56th and 57th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), participated in the forum, MDG Success: Accelerating Action, Partnering for Impact, the event on Partnering for Results: Delivering for Every Woman and Every Child Within A Generation, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) 2014 and 2015 Annual Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations. The organization provided input into the Committee on the Rights of the Child's General Comment No. 17 (2013) on the right of the child to rest, leisure, play, recreational activities, cultural life and the arts and on the draft Declaration of Berlin, adopted at the 5th United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Sport Ministers Conference in September 2013, as well as the International Charter for Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport adopted during the UNESCO General Conference in November 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Right To Play worked with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to support Ivorian refugee children in providing psychosocial support through sport and play sessions, child-friendly spaces and community awareness events; to improve hygiene and sanitation practices in schools and communities in northern Ghana; to implement the Social Cohesion and Resilience programme in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, Swat and Lower Dir districts of Pakistan; and in providing sport and play programmes for 30,000 girls and boys from the regions of Gao and Timbuktu to return to school. In Burundi, Right To Play and UNICEF signed a Memorandum of Understanding in 2014 to implement the Sport for Peace Education Towards School and Out-of-School Children and Adolescents in five provinces.

It partnered with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in the State of Palestine, Jordon and Lebanon to enhance healthy child development by delivering sport and play-based activities to children and youth in schools, vocational rehabilitation centres and refugee camps. From October to December 2013, Right To Play partnered with UNHCR to

launch the Sports for Peace Enhancement between Syrian Refugees and their Lebanese Host Community pilot.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Right To Play further strengthened its play-based quality education programing and participated in global discussions, such as the 2015 Oslo Summit on Education for Development, Oslo, Norway. The organization also worked to remove barriers to gender equality by addressing school violence and harmful practices. Across five countries in West Africa, for example, teachers and parents reported girls taking leadership roles in classrooms and performing better in school.

12. Rural Development Organization

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established and registered in 1999, Rural Development Organization (RDO) is a national NGO working with rural marginalized women, youth, adolescents, minorities, persons with disabilities, migrants and those affected by calamities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

RDO aims to establish a society where every citizen has access to basic human rights and improved socioeconomic conditions without any discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization expanded its geographical coverage from the local to the national level and established its head office in Islamabad.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization worked through a chain of community groups and volunteers in different communities to eradicate poverty and distress in line with its core principles: needs-based, participatory and cost sharing. The organization provided assistance to women, children, youth and elders with education, health, skills development and gender equality through participation and collaboration, and to develop a sense of entrepreneurship. The organization also participated in the development of the Sustainable Development Goals at the regional and international levels.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

RDO representatives participated in the 2012 regular session of the Committee on NGOs, RIO+20 and the 2012 annual meeting of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

13. Saratoga Foundation for Women Worldwide

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Saratoga Foundation for Women WorldWide, Inc. is an international women's human rights organization which employs research, education and advocacy to advance human rights for women and girls in all countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation promotes the human rights of all women free from corporate control and religious, tribal, cultural and legal oppression.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation promoted programmes which support education, environmental health, economic self-sufficiency, reproductive health care and freedom from violence.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Foundation completed its second instalment of papers written by volunteers through the United Nation's onlinevolunteering.org programme. These papers address women and girls' lives in countries around the world in regard to education, health care, economics, human rights, reproductive rights, culture, religion and law.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation paid for the completion of a girl's primary school building in Nanyuki, Republic of Kenya and sponsored children to complete primary education; purchased books for poor school libraries; and funded a lunch programme for poor children at Matanya primary school. A Foundation representative also spoke at universities and other venues in the United States, and other countries on reproductive rights and environmental health issues.

14. Scalabrini International Migration Network

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Scalabrini International Migration Network (SIMN) is an umbrella organization established to safeguard and promote the dignity and rights of migrants, refugees, internally displaced people and seafarers worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SIMN's purpose is to safeguard the dignity and the rights of migrants, refugees and seafarers worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SIMN's strategy is focused on five areas of work: research on migration issues, training programmes for migrants, services to migrants, refugees and seafarers, advocacy programmes and sustainability programmes. SIMN fulfils its mission through centres of research and study, social service centres for migrants and refugees, shelters, senior centres, orphanages, medical clinics, kindergartens, schools, vocational centres, missions, cultural centres, advocacy centres and social service centres for seafarers. SIMN promoted conferences, meetings, briefings and seminars on migration-related issues and policies to serve as forums for policy analysis, information and ideas between a broad range of stakeholders on migration issues.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SIMN presented oral statements at the 11th-14th Coordination Meeting on International Migration of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations and the 7th and 8th sessions of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Civil Society Days (CSD) and the "Common Space" with Governments Summit Meeting.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

During the reporting period the Network implemented several projects with United Nations entities including a project in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to strengthen protection programmes to children and adolescents in Guatemala; a project in collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to enhance humanitarian protection, psychological and legal assistance to internally displaced people, asylum seekers and refugees in Colombia and Mexico; a programme in collaboration with United Nations World Food Programme to provide food to internally displaced people and deportees in Colombia; a project in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs to provide equipment and technical assistance

to deportees from Venezuela to Colombia; and with the United National Alliance of Civilizations and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in the Annual Plural+ Youth Video Festival.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization supported 25 Shelters which provided meals, accommodation, health care, training programmes, labour integration, legal services, psychological and religious services to more than 600,000 vulnerable migrants, refugees, displaced people, and seafarers in several of its programme countries. The organization also operated fifteen schools and education centres that provided education and nourishment for 12,480 vulnerable children and supported four orphanages that provided protection and education for 2,425 vulnerable children.

15. Search for Common Ground

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1982, Search for Common Ground (SFCG) works to transform the way the world deals with conflict, from adversarial approaches towards cooperative solutions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SFCG's purpose is to realize a world where differences stimulate social progress rather than precipitate violence, and where respect for and cooperation with others is considered the norm.

Significant changes in the organization

In September 2014, SFCG welcomed a president, added two new executives, 11 new Board members and added new finance positions to support compliance and financial management. Also in 2014, SFCG merged with Soliya, a leader in new media and cross-cultural dialogue. SFCG has opened several new country programmes and offices.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SFCG has worked to advance the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations at programmatic and policy levels by coordinating with United Nations agencies in every country where it works and has partnered with them to implement 129 projects during the reporting period. SFCG served as the Co-Chair of the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development Working Group on Youth and Peacebuilding alongside the United Nations Peacebuilding Support Office and served on the Steering Committee for the Progress Study on Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SFCG co-organized the Global Summit on Youth, Peace and Security in partnership with numerous United Nations agencies, including the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth and the United Nations Inter-Agency Network for Youth Development; spoke at the global meeting on preventing violent extremism and promoting inclusive development, tolerance and diversity, co-hosted by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); spoke at the UNDP Global Meeting on Preventing Violent Extremism: session 7 on a Multi-dimensional Approach; served on the Policy and Strategy Group for the World We Want Campaign; spoke at the 9th United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Youth Forum and at UNESCO's event on "Youth and the Internet: Fighting Radicalization and Extremism"; and spoke at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Symposium titled New Paradigms for Peacebuilding.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

SFCG has provided technical support to 13 UNICEF country offices through a Project Cooperation Agreement to support the Peacebuilding Education Programme.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Among numerous initiatives, SFCG implemented programmes to empower female parliamentarians in Pakistan, and supported female political participation in other parts of the world.

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I. Shinji Shumeikai

Special, 2004

Introduction

Shinji Shumeikai's (Shumei) was established to transform food systems, empower smallholder farmers and promote harmony with nature.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Shumei is dedicated to working toward the betterment of the human community and fostering a way of life that is in harmony with nature.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Shumei's main work included promoting, practicing and teaching sustainable agriculture methods, including preserving biodiversity, restoring soil health, reducing greenhouse gases and encouraging sustainable lifestyles. The organization's programmes, which include capacity building and training, contributed to poverty reduction, supported small holder farmers, increased the status of women and reduced CO_2 emissions. The organization has worked on disaster risk reduction in Japan, co-sponsored the International Conference on Organic & Ecological Agriculture in Mountain Ecosystems and conducted educational forums on sustainable food systems in Japan. Through its museum, it has utilized art as a means of cultivating an appreciation for beauty and the natural environment.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Shumei participated in Rio+20, where it co-sponsored a high-level dinner with its lead partner, Biovision to highlight the importance of sustainable food systems. The organization also held a side event on empowering small holder farmers and transforming food systems; published a book entitled "Visions of the Living Earth", a collection of essays on the importance of nature by prominent authors from around the world; and gave away over 1000 copies of the book at the 2012 People's Summit during Rio+20. Representatives also participated in sessions of the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals, the 2015 Stocktaking and Stakeholder Preparatory Forum, and the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization has donated US$ 94,230 to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Japan since 1999.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Shumei implemented natural agriculture programmes around the world that support and teach ecological approaches to agriculture, preserve biodiversity, and encourage sustainable lifestyles through the creation of model farms, training programmes and engaging experts in the field of sustainable agriculture in symposiums and forums for the general public. It also promoted an appreciation of beauty through programmes in the arts. The organization's partnership programme in the Republic of Zambia has grown to over seven thousand rural women farmers and it recently began working with farmers in Madagascar, to teach ecological agriculture methods, and created a model farm for training and capacity building.

2. Ship and Ocean Foundation

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Ship and Ocean Foundation (OPRF) works as a think tank to create a harmonious relationship between mankind and the oceans through ocean policy research, policy recommendations and publication of information.

Aims and purposes of the organization

OPRF works toward new ocean governance and the realization of world peace and security.

Significant changes in the organization

The Ship and Ocean Foundation (OPRF) merged with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation on 1 April 2015. The new umbrella organization continues to use the organizational name Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No cooperation was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

OPRF participated in Rio+20; the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS); the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP21); meetings of State Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS); the Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (UNICPOLOS); the 8th session of the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and the 6th meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole on the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

At Rio+20, OPRI, together with the Global Ocean Forum, the Global Environment Fund, the United Nations Development Programme and others, organized a side event, the Oceans Day, which also led to including the Ocean section in the Rio+20 Outcome Document. At the SIDS Conference, OPRI co-organized a side event to promote the implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (S.A.M.O.A. Pathway). OPRI, in cooperation with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other organizers, held the Oceans Day at COP21 to advocate for the oceans and climate change agenda.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

OPRI initiated work on targets to reduce carbon dioxide by shipping industries and protection of coastal marine areas and marine biodiversity.

3. Sigma Theta Tau, National Honorary Society of Nursing

Special, 2012

Introduction

Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the only international nursing honour society worldwide, is a global community of nurse leaders with over 135,000 active members, living in 92 countries and 509 chapters located in 28 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of STTI is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

STTI supported scholarship and excellence in nursing through numerous professional development, evidence-based nursing, research and educational programmes, events, products and services. The Society conducted special information sessions on its role at the United Nations during its annual International Nursing Research Congress. It also created and distributed a one-page flyer to promote the Sustainable Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

STTI held a parallel event at the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women and its youth representatives attended various United Nations meetings including 24 briefings during 2013. Representatives held a workshop at the

65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information/NGO Conference titled "Beating the Drum for Maternal-Child Health in Africa: Strengthening the Health of Mothers and Children through Quality Improvements in Nursing and Midwifery", and also attended meetings of the World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Board and the World Health Assembly.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

STTI Representatives attended and contributed to a WHO workshop to develop an implementation plan for the Global Standards for the Initial Education of Professional Nurses and Midwives which was implemented in 2012.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

STTI's Institute for Global Healthcare Leadership prepared health-care leaders to effectively work in and/or lead major public health departments, Ministry of Health initiatives, public or private organizations, and global programmes and initiatives. The Center for Excellence in Nursing Education focused on advancing global excellence in nursing education and preparing highly skilled nurses to elevate the level of patient care in an increasingly diversified population. STTI's Maternal Child Health Nurse Leadership Academy developed the leadership skills of maternal-child health nurses and midwives who work in a variety of health-care settings to prepare them for effective inter-professional team leadership as they strive to improve the quality of health care for childbearing women, and children up to five years old.

4. Sir William Beveridge Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Sir William Beveridge Foundation is an international charity that seeks to address the problems of pervasive and grinding poverty.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation aims for effective involvement of people in the civic, political and entrepreneurial aspects of their community, their country and the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation provided culturally appropriate care services at home for senior citizens; observed World Alzheimer's Day and the International Day for Elderly; signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Help Age International; conducted a training programme on dementia and elderly care; participated at the Asia Pacific Regional Conference by Alzheimer's Disease International; engaged in a survey

programme in partnership with Aging Support Forum, including a Rural Survey on Dementia Prevalence & Socio-Demographic Status; participated in a Master Trainer Programme in the Republic of Singapore; opened a Stroke Rehabilitation, Physiotherapy & Dementia cafe; observed Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month; participated in World Elder Abuse Awareness Day activities; and presented research on the "Socio-economic Condition and Dementia of Elderly in Rural Bangladesh".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Foundation introduced "ROKAMINA Care Model" that includes home care, neuro-physiotherapy at home, dementia counselling, health support, palliative and end of life care. It also began a Dementia Awareness Campaign in Bangladesh; launched a website; started a volunteer's programme; developed TV programmes and other media on Dementia Alzheimer's; disseminated information on dementia diagnosis and care; conducted training on dementia at the National University; convened the First International Conference "Dementia and Bangladesh: Challenges of an Ageing Population"; formed Bangladesh Dementia Action Alliance; conducted a free health camp for dementia sufferers; and launched a Dementia Day Care Centre, a radio programme on dementia, a dementia helpline and newsletters.

5. Smile Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

Smile Foundation's mission is to empower underprivileged children, youth and women through quality education, nutrition support, innovative health care and employability enhancement programmes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Smile Foundation catalyses sustainable change in the lives of its focus group with a life cycle approach to development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Smile engaged in 158 welfare projects in 732 villages and slums across 25 states of India. These included projects for nutrition support, education, employment training, gender equality sensitization, women's empowerment,

maternal and child health care, safe motherhood counselling, and health-care services. It observed International Women's Day, World Water Day, World Tuberculosis Day, World Environment Day, World AIDS Day, World Teacher's Day, Universal Children's Day, among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Smile submitted written statements to the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the 48th session of the Commission on Population and Development, the 2015 Economic and Social Council High-level segment: Annual Ministerial Review, and the 54th session of the Commission for Social Development.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Smile used the information, education and communication and reference materials provided by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on child rights, gender equity and justice, reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. Smile consulted with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to mobilize collective efforts in the disaster affected areas of Rudraprayag District of Uttarakhand, India.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Smile's "Mission Education Programme" improved learning outcomes for underprivileged children through participatory teaching and learning materials, capacity building of teachers, nutrition support to children and infrastructure support in partnership with competent community organizations. The Foundation provided quality health-care services in poor neighbourhoods through Mobile Medical Units (Smile on Wheels) and health camps, worked in coordination with the Government of India, especially the health department, to help it achieve universal health care, and provided career counselling and specialized training in English, life-skills, personality development, retail management and computer skills to underprivileged youth along with placement assistance under the Smile Twin e-learning programme. Smile's Swabhiman (Dignity) Programme empowered women and girls to seek reproductive and child health care, and facilitated higher education merit scholarships for deserving girls. Smile also engaged men on the issues of reproductive and child health and education for girls.

6. Social Action Forum for Manav Adhikar

Special, 2008

Introduction

Social Action Forum for Manav Adhikar (SAFMA) is a national organization comprising lawyers, professionals and educators all committed to the protection and promotion of Human Rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SAFMA works for the protection and promotion of human rights of the vulnerable and marginalised segments of Indian society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SAFMA contributed to protection of human rights, gender equality, against gender based violence, environmental sustainability and issues of social and economic development. The organization also provided financial assistance to dying and destitute women, reunited people with their families who had been separated because of mental illness, and provided recreation facilities for poor children.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization filed public actions in the Supreme Court to protect economically vulnerable women who were subjected to domestic violence; it provided financial assistance for a commemorative programme for the young woman whose brutal gang rape shook the nation, forcing the government to review women's security issues, and leading to amendments in the law; it provided counselling to over 100 victims of dowry and domestic violence; it published user friendly legal literacy manuals on Land Rights of Women and Rights of Women Sanitation Workers; it conducted gender sensitisation workshops; and it implemented a Skill and Livelihood Enhancement Project in Delhi and an Environment Sustainability Awareness Project in Delhi and Mumbai. SAFMA also held a campaign to Prevent Child Abuse and Trafficking and filed a writ in the Delhi High Court seeking, among other reliefs, to protect child victims' 'right to know' when the offender is also a child. SAFMA initiated local capacity development initiatives by strengthening capacity of artisans and generating awareness of laws and challenges of globalization, with a view to protecting their Intellectual Property Rights under the Geographical Indications (GI) Act.

7. Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany (SSAPCG) works to overcome poverty, injustice and inequality in Germany and over 90 countries in Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SSAPCG aims to overcome poverty and injustice in Germany, in the Global South, and at the global level.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2012, SSAPCG merged with the Protestant Development Service (Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst). It is now registered in Germany as the Protestant Agency for Diakonie and Development (Evangelisches Werk für Diakonie und Entwicklung e.V.).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In Germany, SSAPCG provided social services including health care services, care for older persons, services to persons with disabilities, support for immigrants, and assistance for people in poverty. In the Global South, it supported partner organisations in their projects which include improving health, food security and education, sustainable agriculture, human rights, and participation in decision-making processes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SSAPCG assisted representatives of 45 partner organisations from the Global South to participate in the 22nd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Since 2012, SSAPCG has attended all sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC). At many sessions, SSAPCG presented written and/or oral statements, and organised or co-organised side events. SSAPCG assisted partners in preparing for the 23rd and 24th Universal Periodic Review sessions of the HRC, presented oral statements at the 28th and 29th sessions of the HRC, produced the 2015 Shadow Report on the performance of Germany under the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination and presented the report at the 86th Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. SSAPCG participated in the 2013 High-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and also in the 3rd International Conference on Financing for Development.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

SSAPCG participated in the 2014 and 2015 consultations with the Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association and with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights Defenders.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

SSAPCG contributed to food security for thousands of smallholder farmers, taught crop diversification and organic farming methods, operated a seed bank, supported training of "campaigners for AIDS awareness" and participated in the "OCEAN 2012" alliance, which campaigned on sustainability regulations for European Union-based fisheries.

8. Society for the Protection and Assistance of the Socially Disadvantaged Individuals

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Society for the Protection and Assistance of the Socially Disadvantaged Individuals (SPASDI), supports, educates, and empowers social harm victims, particularly children who have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS and women who have been infected with AIDS by their sexual partner and have HIV-positive children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SPASDI aims to promote physical and mental health, reduce discrimination, and promote gender equality, health legislation and peace and harmony in society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SPASDI supported HIV-positive children, adolescents, and adults to have access to the required tests, be readily informed about their disease status, receive potential treatment benefits as fast as possible, reduce the number of new HIV infections among children to zero, and stabilise the physical and mental health of their mothers. SPASDI empowered young people, women, sex workers, gay men, injecting drug users, transgender persons, prisoners, immigrants and others to access combination prevention services and to protect themselves against AIDS. The organization worked with men and women to stop gender-based violence, sexual violence and intimate partner (domestic) violence, so as to mitigate the risk and impact of AIDS. It worked to eliminate the punitive laws, policies, preventive measures, stigma and discrimination associated with providing proper responses to AIDS.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SPASDI representatives participated in the 59th and 60th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

SPASDI collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for a HIV Awareness Campaign and with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and UNICEF for AIDS Day and AIDS Orphans Day.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

SPASDI provided financial support and a "basket of goods" to meet the basic needs of its service recipients; held vocational-training workshops and provided mothers with equipment such as sewing machines, carpet frames/scaffolding, fabric, and leather supplies for producing leather handicrafts, and introduced them to recruitment centres for employment; helped HIV positive mothers with modern medical principles and rules including timely administration of medication, proper birth delivery techniques, free infant formula to avoid breastfeeding and anti-retroviral therapy for HIV-positive mothers; established a hotline, mobile clinic, and training of trainers to support MDG6.

9. Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Society for the Protection of the Rights of the Child (SPARC) is one of Pakistan's leading child rights organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SPARC promotes and protects the rights of children in accordance with international standards and empowers them through advocacy supported by research, awareness raising, service delivery and human and institutional development.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization changed leadership in November 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SPARC produced an annual report, The State of Pakistan's Children, detailing the Government's endeavours towards promotion of child rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the level of commitment and gaps to be bridged.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

SPARC's provincial representatives are a part of the United Nations Children's Fund Pakistan office Protection Cluster Meetings. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Islamabad office was invited as a keynote speaker at the launch of the report Barriers to Girls Education in Selected Districts.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

SPARC has addressed quality education in government run schools in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, has reached out to victims of child, early and forced marriage through open distance learning and vocational training and addressed the state of health affairs through its publications, website alerts, newsletters and social media.

10. Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries

Special, 2000

Introduction

The Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries (MMS) is committed to peace, justice and sustainable development for people and the planet in 18 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MMS aims to promote health, well-being, care for the Earth and sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MMS contributed to the annual observances of World AIDS Day, International Women's day and Human Rights Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Throughout the reporting period, MMS representatives delivered oral and/or submitting written statements to the 50th-53rd sessions of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD); the High-level Meeting with the Bretton Woods Institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; the Annual ECOSOC Ministerial Review; the 56th-59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW); the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development; sessions of the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals; the President of the General Assembly's High-level thematic

debates; and numerous side events during the CSW sessions, RIO+20 and the 2015 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP 21). Representatives also attended sessions of the World Health Assembly; the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples; the Department of Public Information/NGO Conference; the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction; the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015; and the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

A United Nations Children's Fund HIV/AIDS specialist was MMS's guest in its nursing graduation ceremony at HF Hospital in Mandar, India.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

MMS trained midwives, birth attendants and community health workers through the organization's hospitals and clinics, worked on prevention of foetal alcohol syndrome disorder (FASD) and on drug use in pregnant women with a national team from the United States; and provided community-based rehabilitation programmes for 200 families with disabled children living in extreme poverty.

11. Solar Cookers International

Special, 1996

Introduction

Solar Cookers International (SCI) leads and convenes the global solar cooking sector to benefit the world's most vulnerable citizens and the environment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SCI works to make solar thermal cooking accessible in high-poverty regions of the world, networking with global and community-based organizations. SCI focuses on key regions where energy access is severely limited.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SCI contributed through advocacy and international direct service programmes focused on health, sustainability, the environment and women. SCI also distributed relief packages in Nepal following the 2015 earthquake.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SCI representatives participated during the 56th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and made a presentation at the parallel event, "From Seeding to Feeding: the Role of Women and Girls Across the Life Cycle of Food";

helped organize the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) dinner in honour of committee members at the 51st session of the CEDAW Committee, and attended the 16th Annual Health Promotion Briefing during the World Health Assembly "From Global Policy to Local Actions: Health Promotion beyond 2015". A SCI representative presented on a panel, "The impact of solar energy and our future" during the 65th annual Department of Public Information Non-Governmental Organization Conference and was a co-presenter during a parallel event on, "Solar Cooking for Sustainable Development," during the 58th session of the CSW. SCI presented during the "Maximizing the Benefits of Clean Cooking Fuels — Creating a Sustainable Mass Market" session during the 2015 Sustainable Energy for All Forum, and submitted a written statement for the 59th session of the CSW.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period SCI sponsored solar cooking demonstrations, conducted solar cooker assembling sessions, distributed solar cookers and organized the 2014 International Solar Cooking Convention to promote the latest developments and resources in the solar cooking sector.

12. Soroptimist International

General, 1984

Introduction

Soroptimist International (SI) mobilises its 80,000 members in 132 countries and territories to conduct projects and programmes at the local, national and international levels that focus on emerging issues and priority topics identified by the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SI's overarching aim is to improve the lives and status of women and girls through education, empowerment or enabling opportunities.

Significant changes in the organization

On 30 August 2013, SI became incorporated as a not for profit company in accordance with England/Wales Company House rules.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, SI authored nearly 50 statements and co-signed nearly 200 statements on thematic issues being discussed within the United Nations system.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SI attended a range of United Nations Commissions annually, including the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the United Nations Environment Assembly, and the Department of Public Information NGO Conferences. SI Representatives also attended the Universal Periodic Review, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

At the national level, SI Representatives have participated in Special Rapporteur Consultations. SI is active at six United Nations Information Centres, and through an information feedback loop, SI Representatives provide information from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Human Rights Council, Food and Agriculture Organization World Food Programme, United Nations Environment Assembly, ECOSOC and other United Nations entities to drive grassroots projects.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The "See Solar, Cook Solar" project equipped primary schools, community centres and women's refuges with solar cookers and solar lamps that ensured women's and girls' access to education, provided them the possibility to start sustainable catering businesses and ensured food security. In Rwanda, SI's San Marco Residential Training Centre supported communities affected by the 1994 genocide by providing social and economic assistance to abandoned women and girls, in particular elderly women, widows and orphaned girls. The centre provides essential services, including safe women-only accommodation, a nursery and community rooms. Since May 2013, SI conducted a project in Italy that promotes dedicated rooms for minors in police stations and courtrooms that provide a safe and child-friendly space for interviews and psychological assessments. Many of the children are victims of child abuse, witnesses to domestic violence and other crimes.

13. Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council (SSMWPC) is a humanitarian and charitable society which pursues improvement of the welfare of humanity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SSMWPC aims to spread respect for human values, other cultures, traditions, nationalities and religions and to promote and support the realisation of the

Millennium Development Goals, the Sustainable Development Goals and the values of "The Earth Charter Initiative".

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SSMWPC launched an International Conference, entitled, "Yoga — A Path to Non-Violence and World Peace" on the International Day of Non-Violence and the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi at the Vienna International Centre, and participated in annual observances of International Day of Yoga, International Day of Peace and International Day of Non-Violence and public events in cooperation with Yoga in Daily Life Societies worldwide.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SSMWPC representatives participated in the 2012 regular and resumed sessions of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations; Rio+20; World Interfaith Harmony Week; Interactive briefing with civil society convened by the President of the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly; the 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women; and the High-Level Thematic Debate on Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation: Fostering Peaceful, Inclusive Societies and Countering Violent Extremism, convened by the President of the 69th session of the General Assembly.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

SSMWPC supported numerous humanitarian and charitable projects including a free school for girls; desert rainwater harvesting; preserving ancient handicrafts, arts and technologies; drought and famine relief; medical support; education and employment opportunities for people living in remote rural areas in Rajasthan; support to people living below the poverty line; animal welfare projects (Gaushala); international tree planting campaign; "Save the Birds" and "Jiv Jantu Board" initiatives to preserve indigenous plants and protect animals in their natural environment; and fund raising activities for the victims of the 2013 flash floods in Kedarnath, India and of the 2015 Nepal earthquake.

14. Stichting Rutgers WPF

Special, 2004

Introduction

Stichting Rutgers (Rutgers) was established to improve the sexual and reproductive health and rights of people in the Netherlands and the rest of the world, as well as to promote gender equality.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Rutgers envisages a world where all people are able to make their own sexual and reproductive choices free from discrimination, coercion and violence.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2015, the organization changed its name from Stichting Rutgers WPF into Stichting Rutgers and opened a new field office in Uganda.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Rutgers worked towards the implementation of the Programme of action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women, and the outcome documents of their international and regional review conferences.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Rutgers participated in and delivered oral and/or written statements at the 45th-48th sessions of the Commission on Population and Development; the 57th-59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women; and the 11th and 12th sessions of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

During the reporting period, Rutgers organised the annual launch of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) State of World Population report in the Netherlands and participated in the ICPD Beyond 2014 International Conference on Human Rights organised by UNFPA, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Government of the Netherlands. In Burundi and Pakistan, Rutgers collaborated with UNFPA on sexuality education. In Nigeria and Cameroon, Rutgers collaborated with UNFPA on a female condom programme, and the Rutgers Pakistan field office participated in a consultative SDG process organized by the United Nations Development Programme.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

With funding from the Government of the Netherlands, Rutgers WPF and alliance partners were able to provide 20 million young people, women and men in 8 countries with education and information about sexual and reproductive health and rights and trained 70,000 teachers to provide this education. The MenCare+

programme trained facilitators, health providers and counsellors for a fatherhood group focussing on gender based violence counselling. Through EuroNGOs, Rutgers WPF initiated and co-chaired the International Platform to Promote Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Beyond 2015, comprising a constituency of almost 2,000 organisations worldwide. Rutgers also had extensive programmes around sexuality education in the Netherlands and a research department underpinning its scientific research.

15. Stichting Spanda

Special, 2012

Introduction

Stichting Spanda (Spanda) is an international organization, based in The Hague, to bring about sustainable, long-term, global systemic change in culture, education, health, environment, economics, and research.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Spanda aims to promote creative solutions and strategic resources to attain higher individual and collective states of consciousness, and to foster social, economic and global development by pursuing initiatives that serve the common good and add social value.

Significant changes in the organization

There have no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Spanda participated in several e-discussions including on Global Citizenship, Jobs and Skills of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the Global Thematic Consultation on Education in the post-2015 Development agenda; on "Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals: What it will take", (UNDP) and on "Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", and the E-Preparatory Dialogue for the 54th session of the Commission for Social Development on "Social development and implementation of the post-2015 development agenda" organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Moreover, the organization supported the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Spanda submitted a written statement on "Sustainable, Socially Responsible Educational Programmes" to the 2013 Economic and Social Council Substantive Session.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Jubilo Project addressed conflict prevention and transformation, ethnic integration and peace building through a comparative approach in intercultural and interfaith dialogue. The Mantra Project focussed on poverty reduction through green microfinance, renewable energy and sustainable agriculture to empower women and communities to attain economic self-sufficiency and sustainable and equitable development. The Mantra Mapuche Chapter was designed to use solar energy to alleviate poverty and empower the Mapuche communities to lead lives of self-reliance, meet their own basic needs and attain economic self-sufficiency, respecting human rights in harmony with their culture and the environment. The Musike Project involved research, recovery, documentation, conservation and dissemination of the ethnomusicological heritage. The Akarma Project fostered a clean sustainable system change while ensuring clean processes, products and complex devices for future generations. The Lila Project was created as a global virtual think-tank platform to co-create and implement transdisciplinary cultural and development policies.